

APPENDIX A

Proposed Counts

1. A method of fixing vertebrae of a patient together at a surgical site, the method comprising the steps of:

inserting a cannula into the patient;

inserting a first fixation element through the cannula and securing the first fixation element to a first vertebra;

inserting a second fixation element through the cannula and securing the second fixation element to a second vertebra; and

inserting a third fixation element through the cannula and securing the third fixation element to the first and second fixation elements.

2. A method of fixing vertebrae of a patient together at a surgical site, the method comprising the steps of:

inserting a cannula into the patient;

expanding the cannula;

inserting a first fixation element through the cannula and securing the first fixation element to a first vertebra;

inserting a second fixation element through the cannula and securing the second fixation element to a second vertebra; and

inserting a third fixation element through the cannula and securing the third fixation element to the first and second fixation elements.